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English language Abstracts for all four Japanese patent publications are submitted herewith.

DISCUSSION

1. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 6-141228 corresponds to U.S. Application Serial No. 08/045,038. U.S. Application Serial No. 08/045,038 is referred to at page 18, lines 18-21 of the present

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specification. U.S. Application Serial No. 08/045,038 has been abandoned in favor of a File Wrapper Continuation filed November 28, 1997 (new Serial No. 08/969,937). Copies of the Official Filing Receipt for U.S. Application Serial No. 08/045,038 & 08/969,937 are attached.

2. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 6-141246 also corresponds to U.S. Application Serial No. 08/045,038, which has been abandoned in favor of File Wrapper Continuation Serial No. 08/969,937.
3. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 8-116490 corresponds to U.S. Application Serial No. 08/541,644. A copy of the Official Filing Receipt for U.S. Application Serial No. 08/541,644 is attached.
4. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 63-232591 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 4,926,247 (Nagasaki et al). A copy of USP 4,926,247 (Nagasaki et al) is submitted herewith and this document is also listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider all of the copending U.S. applications identified hereinabove, as well as all of the publications submitted herewith, when considering the present application on the merits.

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Respectfully submitted,



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